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References Cited

Please see attached Form PTO-1149 for list of publications, legible copies of all publication listed are enclosed.

Statement of Relevancy

1. U.S. Patent 6,114,038 to Castro & Barbera-Guillem. This patent describes functionalized nanocrystals and their use in biological applications.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,990,479 to Weiss et al. This patent describes semiconductor nanocrystals having a layer comprising silica, and may further comprise an affinity molecule.
3. WO 00/28089 to Barbera-Guillem et al. This publication describes use of functionalized nanocrystals in labeling for strand synthesis. U.S. 09/436159 (allowed).

4. U.S. Patent No. 5,525,377 to Gallagher et al. This patent describes a method of manufacturing encapsulated doped particles.

5. Bruchez Jr. et al., 1998, *Science*, 281:2013-2015. This paper describes semiconductor nanocrystals having a core, a shell, and a third layer comprising silica.

6. Chan et al., 1998, *Science*, 281:2016-2018. This paper describes semiconductor nanocrystals having a core, a shell, and a third layer comprising mercaptoacetic acid.

7. Kennedy et al., 1998, *Chem. Mater.* 10:2116-2119. This paper describes synthesis of CdS nanocrystals with egg lecithin vesicles.

8. Korgel et al., 1996, *J. Phys. Chem.* 100:346-351. This paper discloses use of phosphatidylcholine vesicles as a reaction compartment for synthesis of CdS nanocrystals.

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